community participation and acceptance of polio vaccine by all children below 5 years of age.

- Transit booths are being established at major railway stations, moving trains, bus stops and market places to cover the transisting children.
- Bi-phasic house to house activities are being carried out in the evening to cover the children missed during first visit.
- Services of ASHA and AWW is being used to mobilize the missed children of the village and vaccinate them on monthly health day.

Treatment of accident victims

337. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to enact a law to compel hospitals and doctors to attend to accident victims;

(b) whether Government are aware that hospitals in private sector do not attend the victims of accidents due to legal problems; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government against such hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Section 134 (a) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 already provides that "it shall be the duty of every registered medical practitioner or the doctor on the duty in the hospitals immediately to attend to the injured person and render medical aid or treatment without waiting for any procedural formalities".

At present there is no proposal for enacting another legislation to compel the hospitals and doctors to attend the accident victims.

Funds allocation to Thiruvananthapuram Medical College

338. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College has finally been selected for the development of the same as a Medical Institution of Excellence;

(b) how much amount has been earmarked for the purpose and how much amount already been disbursed to the State Government for the purpose; and

(c) what are the additional facilities proposed for the hospital by the experts deputed by his Ministry for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Thiruvananthapuram Medical College is one of the 13 Medical colleges identified for upgradation under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

(b) An outlay of Rs. 120 crores has been approved for upgradation of the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College. Out of this, the Central Govt. assistance in the form of civil construction and procurement of equipments would be limited to Rs. 100 Crores and the remaining Rs. 20 Crores shall be borne by the State Government/Institution.

(c) Under the Upgradation programme, a Super Speciality Block (SSB) will be constructed to house 7 Super Speciality Departments. It is also proposed to strengthen the existing departments/hospitals. The State Government would carry out remodelling of some of the departments; construct a PG Block for Nursing College; Industrial Pharma Block and a Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) Block from their component of Rs. 20 Crores.

Declaring Dengue and Chikungunya as epidemics

†339. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to check the out break of dengue and chikungunya in different States of the country including Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering to declare dengue and chikungunya as epidemics; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.